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In re Patent Application of)
Patrick Hourquebie, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1714
Application No.: 09/786,985) Examiner: Yoon, Tae H.
Filed: May 21, 2001) Confirmation No.: 8711
For: MATERIAL WITH IMPROVED)
RESISTANCE TO THERMAL)
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (279) [X] \$750.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
[X] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 24, 2002.
[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
[] Other: _____
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
[X] Copy of previously submitted Amendment/Reply.
[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
[X] Other: Petition for an Extension of Time
3. [] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
[] No additional claim fee is required.
[X] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee					\$750.00 (101)
Total Claims	30	MINUS 30 =	0	× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Fee					
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$750.00

4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1160.00 is enclosed for the RCE fee \$750.00 and Extension of Time fee \$410.00.
5. ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
6. ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1. 116

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Sir:

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action from the U.S. Patent And Trademark Office dated September 11, 2002 for the above-noted application. A petition for one month extension of the time allotted to respond is being submitted herewith. As such, this Reply and Amendment is being submitted on or before its current due date of January 11, 2002. In response to this Final Office Action, entry of the following amendments pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1. 116(b) and reconsideration in light of these amendments is earnestly solicited.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 17.

Please rewrite Claims 1, 7, 11-14, and 16 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method for producing insulating materials having improved resistance to thermal ageing, characterized in that it comprises the steps consisting of:
 - dissolving at least one conducting polymer in an organic solvent, so as to form an impregnating solution,
 - impregnating granules, formed of an insulating polymer or of a mixture of insulating polymers, with said impregnating solution,
 - evaporating the solvent so as to obtain granules of insulating polymer impregnated with a conducting polymer,